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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ: SHARIF SHAHIN

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Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Ambassador met newly named Egyptian ambassador to Iraq, Sharif Shahin, on June 25. Shahin recently completed his first ambassadorial tour.
2. (C) While he did not provide an exact date of arrival, he indicated it would be in late summer and that he intended to take up residence in Baghdad.
3. (C) Comment: Shahin appears to be a perfectly capable diplomat, and the Egyptian diplomatic corps can be counted on for professionalism if needed.